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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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ELECTION

The applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-7 drawn to a method, classified in Class 438, subclass 406.

REMARKS

In response to the Patent Office action of December 2, 2004, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. In the Patent Office letter the Examiner has set forth a restriction requirement including claims 1-7 in Group I and claims 8 and 9 in Group II. By the foregoing, the applicant has now made the election of the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-7.

Having made this election, applicant expressly reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the subject matter of the non-elected claims.